

# "NIGHT IS BEST," SAYS FURRIN.

Cool Testimony Given at the  
Trial of Furrin for  
Arson.

## STEINBERG'S CONFESSION.

Schoenholz Poured Naphtha in a  
Brooklyn House and  
Lighted a Fuse.

## LEOPOLD LEDERER IMPLICATED.

It Was This Man, According to the  
Testimony, Who Arranged for  
Furrin's Fire and Saw  
About the Insurance.

Adolph Schoenholz, the convicted firebug, who is serving a forty-eight-hour sentence in Sing Sing prison, was taken to Brooklyn yesterday to be used as a witness in the trial of David Furrin, charged with arson in the first degree. He will probably be called to-day.

Furrin is a Polish Jew, fifty years old. He is accused of permitting a fire in his house, No. 146 Snedeker avenue, Brooklyn, on the night of November 18, 1894. He occupied the upper floor, with his wife and six children. Alfred Steinberg, now under arrest, occupied the lower floor. Furrin's arrest was brought about by the confessions of Schoenholz and Steinberg. A number of other arrests of alleged firebugs were made through the confessions of these men.

H. S. Davis, Assistant District Attorney, in opening the case explained that at the time of Furrin's fire there was a strike in the clothing trades in Brooklyn, in which Furrin was engaged, and needed money. After the testimony of two firemen had been given by Noyes F. Palmer, who lives at No. 150 Snedeker avenue, testified that on the night in question he heard a terrific explosion just after he had retired. He ran to the window. The house at No. 146 was all aflame and the smell of naphtha permeated the air. He turned in an alarm at the nearest fire box. When he got back to his house he saw a man run out of the rear of No. 146. The man was wringing his hands.

"Are you burned?" he asked the man. "I don't know; I don't know," was the reply. The man was very much excited.

"Bring Steinberg here," said Assistant District Attorney Davis. Steinberg, the informer, was brought forward by a court officer.

"That's the man I saw wringing his hands in the backyard the night of the fire," said Palmer.

There was a flutter in the court room when Steinberg was called. He walked with a shambling gait to the witness stand. He is about thirty-five years old and has a shining, black, shiny eye, which he kept fixed most of the time on Furrin.

Steinberg told the details of the fire in good English. He had known Furrin since 1893, when he made him a member of a lodge which he organized. In the latter part of October, 1894, he rented him the second flat in his house, No. 146 Snedeker avenue. Furrin was then out of work. A few days later Steinberg took Furrin to New York, where he called on Leopold Lederer, a printer, at No. 181 East Broadway.

"This is Mr. Furrin, a clockmaker," said Steinberg, so he testified, in introducing him. "He can help himself by having a fire," remarked Lederer; "he could get \$500 or \$600."

"How much would it cost?" asked Furrin, according to Steinberg, and was finally induced to give him \$100 to Lederer. Then Steinberg took Furrin to the fire and introduced to Furrin. It was agreed that Schoenholz should "make the fire." Furrin went to the fire and saw Steinberg, who was an insurance agent, get a policy. They placed \$800 on Furrin's furniture at the Home Life Insurance company and took the policy back to Steinberg. The latter looked over his books and remarked that that company was one of the best to have a fire.

Then Schoenholz went over to see Furrin's place. Schoenholz said they would have to burn some old clothes that would burn fast. These they got in Fleet street, and Furrin carried them home. They bought a five-gallon demijohn of naphtha in Fleet street. Furrin took it to Brooklyn and stored it in Steinberg's flat.

**Dead Done in the Night.**  
On the day of the fire, November 18, Furrin went to New York at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. About eight his wife took the children to the fire. Steinberg, who was in the family, where they used to live, on Eastern Parkway. Steinberg's family also went there, leaving him in the flat alone. Schoenholz came about ten o'clock, took a quart of the naphtha up stairs in the glass demijohn. Steinberg followed him, but Schoenholz told him to stay down stairs. Shortly after Schoenholz ran down stairs and out the front door. Then followed the explosion, and the rear end of the house fell out.

"Although I knew it was coming," said Steinberg, "I was awfully scared. I ran out the back door."

"I wanted to have the fire in the day time," he said, "but Schoenholz said 'night' was the time, when every one is asleep, and the fire department can't get there in time to put it out."

## GRANT MONUMENTAL PARADE.

Grand Marshal Dodge Announces the Names of His Staff.

General Granville M. Dodge, Grand Marshal of the parade to be held April 27, when the Grant monument will be officially accepted, yesterday announced the following appointments on his staff:

A. Noel Blakeman, chief of staff; Colonel H. C. Corbin, U. S. A., adjutant-general; Captain John A. Johnson, U. S. A., assistant adjutant-general; Colonel William C. Saenger, U. S. A., inspector-general; and General F. T. Rodenbaugh, U. S. A., retired, special aide.

General Dodge also announced that the special committee appointed by the Boards of Aldermen of New York and Brooklyn and the Supervisors of Kings and Richmond counties to consider the Greater New York charter will appear before the Assembly Committee on Cities and Towns on Monday next.

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## WANT THE SALARIES RAISED.

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